

# Heber caboose to stay put

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**HEBER CITY** — Two motions were defeated by the Heber City council last week, which means the caboose in front of the new city office building on Tabernacle Square, will stay where it is.

The caboose is used as an information center by the Heber Valley Chamber of Commerce, and where it should be located has been debated in the community for a half dozen years. However, the issue has become heated during the past several months, now that the remodeling of the 100-year-old Wasatch Stake Center into city offices is nearly complete.

City residents and the city council are divided in their opinions on whether the caboose should be moved be-

cause it deters from the ambience of the building, or should stay somewhere on the property because it is important to developing tourism.

Councilman Scott Wright made the motion to move the tourist information caboose as discussed in the plot plan and asked that the city attorney draft a permissive use agreement between the Chamber of Commerce and the city for not less than five years.

This motion was defeated by a 3-2 vote.

Next Councilman Wayne Clegg moved that if the caboose isn't moved by July 31, that the city move it and charge the cost to the owners.

That motion was defeated 3-2.

Arguing for the first motion,

Wright reported about one-third of the city's anticipated 1988-89 revenue will come from the business community and that business is declining. He said the staff at the caboose gives directions and information for tourist attractions in the valley, directs tourists to restaurants, gas station, motels, etc.

Much debate followed regarding the heritage of the caboose and its value to the community as a tourist information center.

Commenting later on the outcome of the meeting, Max Mawhinney, president of the chamber, said it has more important projects to attend to and that he wasn't interested in pursuing the caboose issue any further.

we do train (police officers) and we do have a standard procedure in the city and the state of Utah," he said.

dent is also named in the suit. The suit claims Jaime Meisner did nothing to prevent his

ly seek \$2.5 million each, plus funeral and burial expenses, court costs and other relief to be determined by the court.

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